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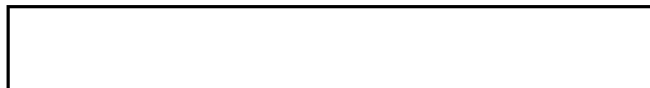
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[REDACTED] Denmark has formally requested the United States to approve its sale of a tanker to Poland in return for vitally needed coal. Emphasizing the adverse effects the lack of coal would have on the Danish economy and defense effort, the Danish Foreign Minister stated that his government would "take a very serious view of US disapproval."

Comment: Although tankers are on the Coordinating Committee's list of prohibited exports, the American Embassy in Copenhagen has stated that the only alternative to this trade is greatly increased US aid in dollars and shipping.

If Denmark should bring this case before the Committee despite US opposition, the other European members would probably side with the Danes.

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